Salato Wildlife Education Center

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Summer Events

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June - August 2006

Dad doesn't need another tie.



Kentucky Afield Gift Shop Father's Day Sale

June 10-18 10% off

and also...

Summer Sale

July 1-9 20% off

Sale prices exclude already discounted items.

SUMMER HOURS (June 1 to August 30)

Monday: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The Center will be open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Memorial Day (Monday) and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. July 4 (Tuesday).



Taking Responsibility This Earth Day



Third grade students from St. Mary's Parish in Paris, KY assisted Mrs. Glenna Fletcher in planting a tree in the newly expanded Mixed Mesophytic Forest.

On April 21, Kentucky's First Lady Glenna Fletcher joined Salato staff and children from St. Mary's School in Paris to celebrate Earth Day. The activities included a reading of the book "Secret Place" by Eve Bunting, planting a red maple tree in the expanded Eastern Kentucky Forest Exhibit, unveiling of the Wild About Reading bibliography, and a few spring showers, too. Stop by Salato to see the new tree and join our new club, Book Tracks Reading

Club, to learn more about the environment. After all, we can all READ TO ACHIEVE.

Salato's message for Earth Day 2006 was stated in an exhibit entitled "Kentucky's Wildlife Is Your Responsibility." Earth Day was April 22, but we decided to extend the celebration throughout the month of April. Activities included leaf etching, nature journals, recycled beads, crayon stained glass, "What's in your water," and "Build a

watershed." The staff spent many hours trying to reuse everything from jeans and shirts to egg cartons and bottle caps to make our Earth Day celebration meaningful. We encourage you to remember the three environmental R's: REDUCE what you use, REUSE what you can, and RECYCLE whenever possible. And don't forget a fourth R – RESPONSIBILITY. Take responsibility for wildlife and its habitat in your yard, community and across Kentucky.



PROGRAMS WITH FEWER THAN FIVE PEOPLE REGISTERED are

subject to cancellation. To register for one of the workshops, please call us at (502) 564-7863.

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June 3 – 4 Free Fishing Weekend!

Saturday and Sunday Cost: FREE! Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Don't forget about Free Fishing Weekend June 3-4! Residents and non-residents alike can fish Kentucky's public waters without a license during this weekend only. Size restrictions and creel limits

still apply. The Department of Fish and Wildlife's Headquarters lakes will be closed to fishing on Wednesday (May 31) and Thursday (June 1) all day and Friday (June 2) until 5 p.m. Only children under 16 will be allowed to fish the larger upper lake Friday (June 2) after 5 p.m. and Saturday (June 3) until 10:30 a.m. The upper lake opens to everyone after 10:30 a.m. No

registration required.

June 3 Basketry

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost: \$65. Limit: 7. Participants: Ages 14 and up. Beginners are welcome!

Spend a day to make Dianne Kennedy's pattern of the Quilter's Tote Basket, a woven bottom basket with a base that measures 7½ inches by 16 inches. The bas-

ket includes dyed reeds, is 12 inches tall, not including the wrapped handles, and has a total height of 22 inches. This is a nice tote that you will put to good use. A sample Quilter's Tote is on display at Salato. Materials and supplies will be provided. Everyone will leave with his or her unique basket. Bring your lunch so you can weave all day. Registration and pre-payment are required.



June 10 Fishy Fun

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: \$8. Limit: 15. Participants: Ages 12 and under.

The lakes at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's headquarters are stocked so get out of the house for a day at Salato. Want to take a kid fishing where there's a very good chance you'll catch a lot of

fish? Join Mark Watkins for some more fishy fun. Catching fish at the lakes is easy! We'll also provide a light lunch (hot dogs, potato chips and punch) for the kids. Parents can eat with their children for an additional \$4. Registration and pre-payment are required.

June 11 Orienteering for Kids

Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
Cost: \$10. Limit: 12.
Participants: Age 10 and up.
(Note: Most children have not developed the spatial reasoning skills or patience needed to enjoy and learn from this workshop until the 4th or 5th grade.) Great for scouts!

Hey kids! Orienteering can be a valuable tool to prevent you from getting lost! Join our Salato educator and hiking hobbyist, Alisa, for an afternoon of finding your way around using maps and a compass. When you are finished with the instruction, Alisa will set up a course for you to let you test your new orienteering skills. Make sure you dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! Registration and pre-payment required.

June 14 Brown Bag Lunch: Pack Your Pack

Wednesday, noon – 1:00 p.m. Cost: Free! Limit: 20. Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees.



Escape the summer blahs and come join the Salato staff for

a relaxing hour. Bring your lunch and join the Salato staff for a quick lesson on how to pack your backpack for a hike. Use our equipment or bring your own. No registration required.

The Center will close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 to prepare for the Kentucky Bourbon Festival Sampler!

June 26 So, You Want To Be A Biologist? Second Annual Goose Round-up

Monday, 7:45 – 10 a.m. Cost: \$10. Limit: 15. Participants: Ages 15-18. Great for young adults interested in pursuing a career in biology.

So, you want to be a wildlife biologist? You have to start somewhere and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife wants to give an idea of what our biologists do every day. We are continuing our series of workshops to explore the duties of our department employees. Waterfowl Biologist Rocky Prichert will show you techniques used in managing migratory game birds. We will be catching, gathering data and banding Canada Geese (Branta canadensis). Wear old clothes and bring your sense of adventure! Registration and pre-payment are required.



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 • 6:30 - 9 P.M.



ADULTS 21 AND OVER ARE INVITED TO SAMPLE BOURBON FROM SEVERAL KENTUCKY DISTILLERIES, AS WELL AS GREAT FOOD FROM LEXINGTON AND FRANKFORT AREA RESTAURANTS! THE OUTDOOR EXHIBITS WILL BE LIT FOR NIGHT-TIME VIEWING, AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SALATO CENTER AND KENTUCKY'S NATIVE WILDLIFE. TICKETS ARE \$35.



June 29 and July 6 Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

Thursday, 10 – 11 a.m. Free! Participants of all ages are welcome.

On June 29:

Animal lovers of all kinds are invited to join us in welcoming the Paul Sawyer Public Library for a wild story hour. We will read a story and meet an animal. This time we will learn about bugs. A critter craft will be part of the hour, too. While you are visiting Salato, join our book club and learn more about our environment. No registration required.

On July 6:

We want to welcome the Paul Sawyer Public Library back for another wild story hour. We have stories, live critters and crafts. This hour we will focus on birds of prey. Bring your friends and imagination. No registration required.

Tuesday, July 4
Independence
Day

Salato will be OPEN!





Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Week of Professional Development for Teachers

Great for educators, naturalists, scout and youth group leaders. These programs have a minimum of 15, maximum of 25 participant limit

June 27 Project WILD

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$10.

This highly acclaimed, award-winning curriculum teaches students how to think, not what to think. Project WILD offers KERA-compatible, interdisciplinary, hands-on activities emphasizing wildlife and the environment. Each participant receives a curriculum guide and other valuable resources and reference materials. Lunch will be on your own. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

June 28 Project WILD Aquatic

Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$10.

In this workshop, teachers and youth group leaders will explore the fascinating world of water. Activities help students use critical thinking skills while highlighting water's importance to people, wildlife, and habitat. This program includes an afternoon tour of the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery and sampling in Elkhorn Creek. Each participant receives a curriculum guide and other valuable resources and reference materials. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

June 29

Leopold Education Project

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$35.

The legacy of naturalist Aldo Leopold lives on through his classic book, "A Sand County Almanac," published more than 50 years ago. Learn about Leopold the man, environmental ethics and a curriculum designed to promote ecological literacy. Lessons are an innovative, interdisciplinary conservation curriculum targeted for grades 6-12. Activities increase students' awareness of the land, inform them of personal responsibility for our planet, and teach important social, collaborative and critical thinking skills. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, copy of "A Sand County Almanac," and classroom video. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

June 30 Project Learning Tree

Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$10.

Discover the wonders of environmental education through Project Learning Tree. The forest becomes a "window to the world" to help students understand our environment and develop skills to resolve environmental problems. Teaching environmental responsibility begins here! Each participant receives a curriculum guide and other valuable resources and reference materials. Lunch will be on your own. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**







July 8 – 9

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Free and open to all ages!



5th Annual Herpetology House

Back by popular demand! Kentucky Fish & Wildlife has been on safari, collecting reptiles and amphibians from damp and dark places all over Kentucky and we'll have them on hand all weekend for you to see. Of Kentucky's 105 species of reptiles and amphibians, 49 were represented in last year's event — and we plan on having even more this year! Kentucky Herpetological Society, ecological consultants and many more will offer presentations about Kentucky "herps" that we're sure you will find both educational and entertaining. Stop by and check out Kentucky's crawling critters. All animals collected for this program will be returned to the wild shortly afterwards. Most will be borrowed from scientific or academic collections. No registration required.

Activities and Programs

Saturday

11 a.m. Kids Race as a Reptile

1 p.m. Live Reptiles - Rob Anderson

3 p.m. John MacGregor

4 p.m. Kids Race as a Reptile

Sunday

2 p.m. Amphibians - James Kiser

3 p.m. Kids Race as a Reptile

4 p.m. Snake Activity - Will Bird and Phil Peak

July 12 Brown Bag Lunch: Native American Elk Neck Bags

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m. Cost: \$8. Limit: 10. Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees.



Both male and female Native Americans wear necklac-

es for decoration. Traditionally, Native Americans make necklaces using the natural resources around them, and one of the fanciest is the elk skin neck bag. During this working lunch workshop, we will provide you with materials and instruction to make your own neck bag of soft elk hide. Don't forget to bring your lunch and your own small treasures to fill your pouch! Registration and pre-payment are required.

July 15 – 16 Hide Tanning

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. through Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m. Cost: \$45. Limit: 8. Participants: Adults.

Native Americans used hides for clothing, shelter and many other uses. Join Tressa Brown for a lesson in tanning. Learn the traditional method for creating soft buckskin from a fresh deer hide. Participants will work in pairs and can take home half of the hide they complete. All tools will be provided. Saturday we will be stretching and fleshing the hide. On Sunday, we will break or soften the leather. Bring your lunch and we will break to eat. May be cancelled due to bad weather. Registration and prepayment are required.

July 18 – 21 HabiTots (4-5 years) and Young Explorers (6-8 years)

Tuesday through Friday 9 – 11 a.m. (HabiTots) and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Young Explorers)

Cost: \$40. Limit: 15 (for each age group).

Participants: Kids with an adventurous spirit.

Join us at Salato this week to learn more about some of the really neat creatures that call Kentucky their home. Activities will focus on some of the WILD things in our environment such as Wetlands, Insects, Landscapes and Dirt. Our days will be filled with takehome crafts suitable for tiny fingers, songs, stories and games. A snack will be provided daily and on Friday

we'll go for a hike in the woods! A parent or guardian must remain at the center during the program.

Registration and pre-pay-

ment are required.

July 20 – 21 Salato Habitat Gardeners Program

Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$45. Limit: 20. Participants: Adults.

This program is designed for homeowners, extension agents, teachers and others interested in learning about the basics of landscaping for wildlife in a suburban environment. Topics will include an overview of plant communities in Kentucky; how to use a natural community as a model for the habitat

garden; and how to design a wildlife-friendly landscape from the ground up. Additional topics will include seed propagation, soil and composting, and exotic invasive plants. We will finish by having participants design their own backyard wildlife habit for a vard or outdoor classroom. All participants will receive a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Kit and a certificate qualifying them to teach others about habitat gardening. Registration and pre-payment are required.

July 22 and August 20 Step Up and Shoot: Archery Style!

Saturday and Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: Anyone who can pull a bow. An adult must accompany children.

Native Americans and pioneers used bows and arrows to provide food for their families. Learning to shoot a bow is fun and easy, so come out and try your hand at hitting one of our archery targets. We will provide basic instruction, bows, targets and all equipment neces-

sary for you to try your hand at archery. Whether you're young or just young at heart, swing by the center and give archery a try! Join us for a day of archery fun! No registration required. May be cancelled due to bad weather.

July 29 Kids Tree ID Book

Have you ever wondered, "What's that tree?" Well, spend the morning with biologist Rhonda Smith as she explores the trees at Salato. You will construct an ID guide of the species we see to take home with you. Dress appropriately and bring your sense of adventure. Registration and prepayment are required.

July 29 Summer Tree ID

Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m. Cost: \$6. Limit: 20. Participants: Ages 15 and up. Great for beginners.

Join Mary Carol Cooper, coordinator of the Salato Native Plant Program, for a tree identification hike. Find out how easy it is to identi-

Kids Tree ID Book Saturday, 10 – 12 a.m. Cost: \$8. Limit: 12. Participants: Ages 10-12. Have you ever wondered, "What's that tree?" Well, spend the morning with bi-

fy trees and learn some of the great native trees and shrubs that you can use in your backyard wildlife habitat. **Registration and prepayment are required.**

August 5 Cast a Line: Basics of Fly Tying and Fishing

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$30. Limit: 10 Participants: Ages 10 and up.

Do you want to learn fly tying, how to cast a line, or purchase your own equipment? Well, come join Charlie Downs, Holly Phipps and David Blanton of Trout Unlimited for this "First Cast" fly tying workshop. Not only will you learn the basics of fly tying, but we will explore entomology, casting and necessary equipment. Participants will leave with the flies they tie and are invited to join Trout Unlimited on Elkhorn Creek on Sunday, August 6, to practice their new skills. More information and details will be given about the fishing trip during class. Test your flies on the water and Salato's rods will be available for use on the trip. Bring a sack lunch. Registration and pre-payment are required.

August 9 Brown Bag Lunch: Toad Abodes

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m. Cost: \$5. Limit: 20. Participants: All are welcome!



It is a great time to add more color to

Got time? Are you interested in volunteer or internship opportunities?

If so, we could use you! We need mature individuals with a generous dose of enthusiasm to share their skills as a great volunteer. Call (502) 564-7863 and ask for Mark Watkins, or visit our website for more information. Go to fw.ky.gov and click on "Salato" to see our 2005 volunteers of the year!

your garden. Join biologist Rebecca Smith for a working lunch. We will be recycling old flowerpots and creating some interesting habitat for the toads (or frogs) in your yard. **Registration** and pre-payment are required.

August 17-27 2006 Kentucky State Fair

Check out this year's custom Kentucky Fish and Wildlife exhibit at the 101st Annual Kentucky State Fair at the Louisville Fair and Exhibition Center!

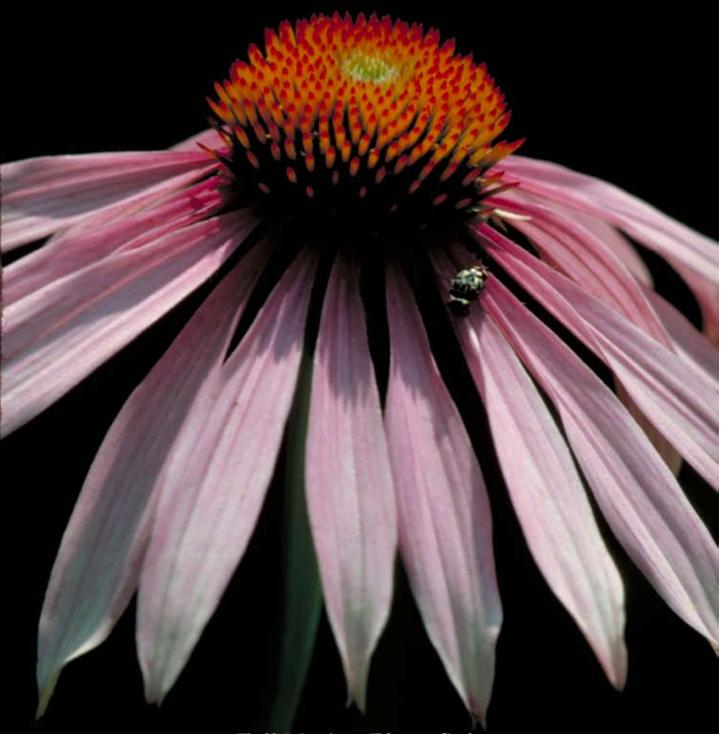
Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day,
observed

Salato will be OPEN!

Want to support the Salato Wildlife Education Center or the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife?

Even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is the purchase of a hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers its diverse services to all Kentuckians without relying on general tax fund dollars. Department operations are funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses!

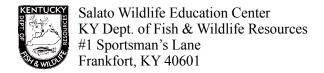
Beauty doesn't have to be exotic.



Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

We're selling our extra native plants in order to make room for next year's planting needs. You can also get advice on gardening with natives from the greenhouse volunteers and Salato staff. Take time to tour the Salato gardens to see mature plants happily growing in their native soil!



The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort, on US 60, two miles west of US 127.

SUPPORT THE SALATO WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER Donate to the KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center and Kentucky's wildlife resources – donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your assistance will help to assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center. We can't do it without you! The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

Donations in excess of \$5, and all contributions, are deemed to have been made to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization and are tax deductible.

Corporate donations

Major contributors may donate at the Bronze (\$10,000 to \$49,999), Silver (\$50,000 to \$99,999), or Gold (\$100,000 or more) level. For more information, contact us by calling (859) 231-8780.

Thank you for supporting Kentucky youth!

Send to: Susan Saufley, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Foundation, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 www.kentuckywildlife.com